

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A digital recording and replay apparatus adapted for use with a decoder, said digital recording and replay apparatus comprising:

a transducer for reproducing a video representative digital signal from a recorded medium;

replay electronics coupled to said transducer for processing said video representative digital signal to produce an output signal bit stream, said output signal bit stream being provided to the decoder for producing a video signal therefrom;

a status message signal generator, responsive to an operating mode of said digital recording and replay apparatus, for generating a status message signal; and

means coupled to receive the video signal from the decoder for inserting said status message signal into the video signal decoded from said output signal bit stream.

2. (Currently Amended) The digital recording and replay apparatus ~~(200)~~ of claim 1, wherein said status message command signal ~~(TAG/CDM)~~ indicates an apparatus specific message.

3. (Currently Amended) The digital recording and replay apparatus ~~(200)~~ of claim 1, wherein said status message command signal ~~(TAG/CDM)~~ indicates apparatus specific data.

4. (Withdrawn) A digital television receiver (100), comprising:
receiving means (110) having a first input coupled to a replay source and receiving therefrom a compressed digital television signal, and a second input coupled to a control signal, said receiving means decoding said compressed digital television signal to form a video signal (102);

means (520) coupled to said receiving means (110) for generating a display message responsive to display message data and for combining said display message with said video signal (102);

a memory (510) containing said display message data;
control means (115) coupled to said memory (510) and said generating means (520) for reading said display message data from said memory, responsive to said control command.

5. (Withdrawn) The digital television receiver (100) of claim 4, wherein said memory (510) contains display message data specific to a plurality of television signal sources.

6. (Withdrawn) The digital television receiver (100) of claim 4, wherein said memory (510) contains display message data specific to said digital television receiver (100) and a plurality of television signal replay sources.

7. (Withdrawn) The digital television receiver (100) of claim 4, wherein said memory (510) contains display message data specific to a digital recording and replay apparatus.

8. (Withdrawn) The digital television receiver (100) of claim 5 wherein said control means (115) selects a specific display message responsive to said control command.

9. (Withdrawn) A digital television receiver (100), comprising:
receiving means (110) coupled to a replay source and receiving therefrom a compressed digital television signal, said receiving means also receiving a source display message data signal and a label data signal;
decoding means (117) coupled to said receiving means (110) for producing a video signal (102) from said compressed digital television signal;
a memory (510) storing display message data;
video message generating means (520) coupled to said memory (510) and receiving therefrom message data for generating a video message, and for adding said video message to said video signal (102); and,
control means (115) coupled to said memory (510) for selecting specific display

message data responsive to said label data signal and, absent said specific display message data, coupling said source display message data signal to said video message generating means (520).

10. (Withdrawn) The digital television receiver (100) of claim 9, wherein said memory (510) contains display message data specific to said digital television receiver (100) and a plurality of television signal replay sources.

11. (New) A method for inserting status message data into a video signal comprising the steps of:

reproducing a video representative digital signal from a recorded medium;

processing said video representative digital signal to produce an output signal bit stream, said output signal bit stream capable of being provided to a decoder as to produce a video signal;;

generating status message data corresponding to a status message of an operating mode of a digital recording and replay apparatus; and

inserting said message data into said video signal decoded from said output signal bit stream.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said status message data indicates an apparatus specific message.

13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said status message command data indicates apparatus specific data.